

January 23, 2012

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Shelton, Hoehn, Curtis, Higgins attending, member Fuelling was absent. Others attending were Supt. Gray, Supt. Givens, Chief Dixon, Attorney Higgins, Captain Allyn, Supt. Tate, Trent Vanhaaften, John Taylor with Econ. Development, Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat and Pam Robison – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board Member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Member Shelton.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion.

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board Member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any discussion?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he wanted to report that he has been having small electrical problems at the plant, causing the pumps to shut down. He has been in contact with Bill Buchanan of Process Control Concepts to check. Supt. Gray also stated someone is transmitting over their telemetry signals at the

plant. He stated he has been in contact with the FCC but they are not inclined to do anything. Supt. Gray stated he has applied for another clear frequency.

Chairman Curtis asked if the large leak he reported last meeting has been fixed.

Supt. Gray stated yes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board. Clerk-Treasurer Dike replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they were now ready for Legals. Attorney Higgins stated all the Members were given bond parameters as a precursor to what the bond ordinance will be drafted on. She stated a timeline should be emailed out. She stated she hoped to have the Bond Ordinance ready for first reading on February 13, 2nd reading on February 27th depending on the votes. She then stated they may want to combine 2 and 3rd reading or have a 3rd. Attorney Higgins stated the timeline shows 3 individual readings. She stated after Bond Ordinance is adopted and they have been authority they will look at finalizing the JCI agreement and look at closing in mid April.

Member Curtis stated he believed they should move quickly because there is lots of work to be done at the river and in the river and they will also have to get the permits. Attorney Higgins stated they will move this along.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were anyone in the Audience wished to address the board?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any old business?

Mayor Tucker stated on old business there is a clarification on a water adjustment from the last meeting. Mayor Tucker stated Donald Gibson was given a water adjustment and motion was given on 815 W 2nd, but the motion and adjustment should have been on one of his rental units at 805 W 2nd. Attorney Higgins stated that the Water Works would like clarification and motion made on the correct address before adjustment is made.

Member Curtis made a motion to amend the water adjust for Donald Gibson from 815 W 2nd to 805 W 2nd Street.

Seconded by Member Hoehn.

Roll Call vote was taken by Clerk-Treasurer Dike; Member Shelton yes, Member Hoehn yes, Member Curtis yes, Member Higgins yes.

Mayor Tucker reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business.

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned.
Seconded by Member Shelton.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise Dike
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and Council Members Shelton, Hoehn, Curtis and Higgins attending, member Fuelling was absent. Others attending were Supt Gray, Supt. Givens, Chief Dixon, Attorney Higgins, Chief Allyn, Supt. Tate, Trent Vanhaaften, John Taylor – Econ. Development, Sara Manifold – Mt. Vernon Democrat and Pam Robison – Posey County News.

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Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.
Seconded by Coucilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street and Light Chairman Fuelling – was absent.

Comm. Maynard reported he has been working on the traffic count as discussed at the last meeting but he would like to wait till the next meeting to collect and report all the data.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion?

There was none.

Police and Dog Chairman Shelton stated she has no report.

Captain Allyn stated she had no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion?

There was none.

Fire Chairman Higgins stated she has no report

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Supt Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council? Clerk-Treasurer Dike replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal Portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated the first item on the agenda is the 1st Reading of the Additional Appropriations in the Edit Fund. She stated this is the Ordinance they talked about last meeting and if they wish to make a motion first they can discuss it after.

Councilman Hoehn made a motion to pass and discuss the Ordinance Adopting Additional Appropriations in the Edit Fund of the City of Mt Vernon.
Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Attorney Higgins stated this ordinance is for \$293,000. She stated \$100,000 is for demolition of the buildings by the building commissioner. Councilman Hoehn asked if that include legal? Attorney Higgins stated the legal is listed in a separate line with a \$5,000 budget for the year. She also stated the asbestos already has \$2,000 but they are adding an additional \$3,000. Attorney Higgins added the \$30,000 listed as PCED Partnership is for a 2011 commitment that was not paid because an invoice was not submitted. She stated the invoice has now been submitted and the 2012 amount has already been budgeted. She stated the \$125,000 is for the City match for phase 2 and the \$35,000 is for the Park and Rec Department to use as they see fit to enhance the Park and Rec at their new location. Attorney Higgins stated that totals the ordinance total of \$293,000.

Mayor Tucker stated John Tate the Park Superintendent with the Park Department was here tonight.

John Tate approached the Council and stated he had put together a list of things he has been looking at. He stated in the old location they didn't have air conditioning which caused them to only be able to stay open half the year.

- Phone System relocated from Armory to Hedges
- New Parks and Rec. signage for Hedges Building
- Relocation of Disco Ball from Armory to Hedges
- Installation of electrical outlets
- Increase in Payroll (current and future)
- Youth Mini Basketball games
- Industrial floor cleaner
- Additional recreational equipment
- New doors for entrance #12
- Conference table for chairs for room #9
- Snack Bar for concession area

Supt. Tate stated they have about 40-50 kids in the evening. He stated the reason they are going to need additional manpower is because they are now spread out in multiple areas. Supt. Tate stated that Supt. Kopatich with the school will be having an open house sometimes this spring.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions for Supt. Tate
There were none

John Taylor with Econ. Development stated from the audience that he would like to recognize the school for putting such good use of the building.

Attorney Higgins stated that Building Commissioner Wills has been working on some of the buildings downtown for years. She stated she can have hearings on the buildings but if the money is not there she can't do anything. Councilman Curtis stated the buildings on Main Street is what he hears the most complaints about.

Mayor Tucker stated that Trent Vanhaaften is in the audience tonight and asked if he would like to discuss the buildings downtown. Mr. Vanhaaften stated he has recently open a law office at 201 Main Street. He stated he chose this location because of what is happening at the riverfront. He stated he

hopes the council recognizes what it is going to take to revitalize the downtown. He stated down by his building there is glass and broken plywood all over the sidewalks. He stated he believes that owners should take care of their property. He also mentioned that if owners can't take care of their property then government needs to step in. He thanked the Council for taking steps towards that.

Mayor Tucker stated that a motion and second motion had already been made so he would like to have a roll call vote on the Ordinance Adopting Additional Appropriations in the Edinburg Fund.

Roll Call vote was taken by Clerk-Treasurer Dike; Councilwoman Shelton, yes, Councilman Hoehn yes, Councilman Curtis yes, Councilwoman Higgins yes.

Mayor Tucker reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next portion of the Legals is the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement. Attorney Higgins stated she has received this form from Councilwoman Higgins and just needs acceptance on it so the Clerk-Treasurer can forward the form on.

Councilman Hoehn made motion to accept Uniform Conflict of Interest disclosure Statement for Becky Higgins.
Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tucker asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the council?
There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any old business?
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Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Shelton stated she has no report

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was absent

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report

4th district Councilman Curtis stated he has no report

Councilman-at-large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated under Mayor's Announcement he just wanted to let the Council know they just made his night with the Additional Appropriations in the Edit Fund.

Mayor Tucker stated if there is no further business he entertains a motion to adjoin.

Councilman Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned.

Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
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